

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Application No

'IS2004/000009

**A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER**  
IPC 7 G01G19/30 B07C5/18

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
IPC 7 G01G B07C

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, INSPEC

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P,X	WO 03/069285 A (MAREL HF ;GUDJONSSON PETUR (IS)) 21 August 2003 (2003-08-21) the whole document	1-47
Y	WO 00/00036 A (SCANVAEGT INTERNATIONAL A S ;JENSEN SVEN BAEKHOEJ (DK)) 6 January 2000 (2000-01-06) abstract page 8, line 28 - page 9, line 7 page 10, line 4 - line 11; figure 1	1,23
Y	US 3 945 448 A (SELLERS KENNETH W) 23 March 1976 (1976-03-23) column 1, line 5 - line 21 column 3, line 24 - line 29 column 3, line 65 - column 4, line 13 column 4, line 24 - line 31 column 5, line 27 - line 33	1,23
	-/--	

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

\* Special categories of cited documents:

- \*A\* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- \*E\* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- \*L\* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- \*O\* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- \*P\* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- \*T\* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- \*X\* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- \*Y\* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- \*Z\* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

14 September 2004

Date of mailing of the international search report

21/09/2004

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2  
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk  
Tel. (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,  
Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

Ganc1, P

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Application No  
'IS2004/000009

## C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	US 4 413 739 A (KOHASHI TORU) 8 November 1983 (1983-11-08) abstract column 1, line 40 - line 51 column 2, line 28 - line 52 -----	1,23
A	US 5 998 740 A (BOMHOLT JOHN ET AL) 7 December 1999 (1999-12-07) abstract -----	1,23
A	US 6 321 135 B1 (ASGEIRSSON AGNI) 20 November 2001 (2001-11-20) column 7, line 24 - line 53 -----	1,23
A	GB 2 116 732 A (DALGAARD KNUT & CO AS) 28 September 1983 (1983-09-28) abstract -----	1,23

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Application No

/IS2004/000009

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
WO 03069285	A	21-08-2003	WO 03069285 A2	21-08-2003
WO 0000036	A	06-01-2000	DK 84498 A	27-12-1999
			AU 4603599 A	17-01-2000
			WO 0000036 A1	06-01-2000
US 3945448	A	23-03-1976	NONE	
US 4413739	A	08-11-1983	NONE	
US 5998740	A	07-12-1999	AU 688960 B2	19-03-1998
			AU 3380995 A	29-03-1996
			BR 9508953 A	06-01-1998
			CA 2200047 A1	21-03-1996
			DE 69527535 D1	29-08-2002
			DE 69527535 T2	08-05-2003
			WO 9608322 A1	21-03-1996
			DK 781172 T3	04-11-2002
			EP 0781172 A1	02-07-1997
			ES 2179884 T3	01-02-2003
			NO 971174 A	02-05-1997
			NZ 334662 A	24-11-2000
			PL 319142 A1	21-07-1997
			US 2003094404 A1	22-05-2003
			ZA 9507788 A	15-04-1996
US 6321135	B1	20-11-2001	AU 6013500 A	13-02-2001
			EP 1218244 A1	03-07-2002
			WO 0107324 A1	01-02-2001
			NO 20020440 A	28-01-2002
GB 2116732	A	28-09-1983	DK 80482 A	25-08-1983
			BE 895796 A1	30-05-1983
			DE 3302718 A1	01-09-1983
			ES 8406233 A1	01-11-1984
			FR 2522141 A1	26-08-1983
			NL 8300271 A	16-09-1983
			NO 830087 A ,B,	25-08-1983
			SE 8300258 A	25-08-1983